

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FRA, Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Salem, NJ

Address of Requesting Entity: 94 Market St., Salem, NJ 08079

Description of Request: Received an earmark of \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of county owned rail line depended upon by local industry.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: South Jersey Economic Development District

Address of Requesting Entity: 226 North High Street, Millville, NJ 08332

Description of Request: Received an earmark of \$250,000 to assist in the construction of facilities at the Aviation Research and Technology Park, an industrial park in Pomona, NJ which will facilitate economic development and provide new jobs to the area.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Hamonton

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Central Avenue, Hamonton, NJ 08332

Description of Request: Received an earmark of \$250,000 to assist in the acquisition and adaptation of blighted former industrial sites for reuse as a location for new businesses looking to bring jobs to the area.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS WEEK 2009

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of National Youth Sports Week, which is held each year during the fourth week in July. As Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, I was pleased to sponsor legislation in the 110th Congress that established this week in order to recognize the vast array of benefits that youth athletic programs offer our children—benefits that improve their general physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being.

In response to the first-ever Report Card on Youth Sports in 2006, I started the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports with the intention to further develop our Nation's youth sports programs, and support the thousands of U.S.-based organizations that work with young athletes every day. The Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports specifically highlights programs that place character development at the forefront of their missions by promoting the values of sportsmanship, civility, respect, health, safety, fun, and fitness among players, coaches, parents, and officials.

Also, I would like to encourage my colleagues in the U.S. House to join me in supporting H. Res. 6, a resolution I introduced at

the beginning of this Congress that acknowledges the significant contribution of coaches across the country who volunteer their time and energy to promote sportsmanship, leadership skills, and self confidence to our Nation's youth. H. Res. 6 serves as a reminder of our commitment to the children of this Nation and recognizes the need to encourage adult involvement in youth sports programs across the country. It also establishes that the week of September 13–19 serve as National Coaches Appreciation Week.

The parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends that volunteer their time to coach a team are invaluable leaders in our communities. In honor of National Youth Sports Week, it is important that the U.S. Congress recognizes their contributions and provides them with the resources they need to keep up the critical work they so selflessly do.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

Along with Representative BROWN, I have received \$250,000 in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives Account for the Spring Hill Boys and Girls Community Center building construction. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of DeLand, FL located at 120 South Florida Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720.

Federal funding will allow the construction of a new facility to house the Spring Hill Boys and Girls Club and Community Resource Center. This facility will house a variety of programs and services, providing opportunities for the safe, healthy and productive development of the Spring Hill youth.

Madam Speaker, along with Representative BROWN, I have received \$750,000 in the Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities Account for the AutoTrain Gateway Improvements, located at 300 N. Park Ave., Room 203, Sanford, FL 32771.

Federal funding will improve access to the Sanford AutoTrain Station. The Amtrak Auto Train Station is designated as a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) as well as a SIS passenger terminal and is linked by State Road 46 W to the Interstate, which is designated a SIS corridor. This project is consistent with Florida Department Of Transportation's focus on SIS facilities and initiatives related to improving multi-modal connectivity. Increased Auto Train ridership, lack of roadway connectivity, insufficient access to and from the station, an increased multi-modal presence and future improvement plans define the need for these access improvements. This project is eligible under SAFETA-LU program authorization.

Madam Speaker, I also received \$250,000 in the Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Account for the Palatka Riverfront Park Redevelopment project. The entity to receive funding for this

project is the City of Palatka, FL located at 201 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, FL 32177.

Federal funding seeks to reinvigorate the economy and provide jobs in an area with more than an 11% unemployment rate. City officials are redeveloping the Palatka Riverfront Park along the St. Johns River. The funds requested to develop this public space will be used for the master planning and development to promote access, build new infrastructure facilities and clean up along the riverfront.

IN MEMORIAL OF C.P. THOMPSON,
JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of C. P. Thompson, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2009. In his passing, North Carolina lost one of its most outstanding citizens; a man who was instrumental in his community, county, and state.

A native of Four Oaks, North Carolina and a life-time resident of Johnston County, Mr. Thompson was born on August 24, 1941 to Cooper Person and Ella Mae Lee Thompson. Known for his passionate support of Johnston County, he dedicated his life to public service and his community. When he died, he was serving as Johnston County's chief building inspector and the Johnston County Democratic Party's First Vice Chair. His civic involvement eventually led him to run for county commissioner in 2006 and C. P. quickly made himself into one of the party's most reliable and committed leaders. He was truly willing to go the extra mile, as evidenced by the fact that he continued his work even after being diagnosed with lung cancer last summer. Fittingly, one of the last tasks he accomplished was this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. His smile still continued to come easy in spite of the disease that had attacked his body. It is safe to say it never touched his spirit.

Madam Speaker, C. P. Thompson, Jr. had a commitment to excellence in everything he did. He was a father, grandfather and husband who dedicated his life to public service. He was a great North Carolinian and it is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FHA, Federal land (Public Lands Highways) account, \$500,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Talladega County Commission, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 17 S Tinney Street, Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: "Cheaha State Park Talladega National Forest Tourism Access" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that this funding will be used to connect Alabama Highway 21 and County Road 482. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it is intended to create more access to the National Park and a direct public benefit.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ashland, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 849, Ashland, Alabama 36251

Description of Request: "Ashland Industrial Park infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will get essential infrastructure to the Industrial Park including sewer, water and road improvements. This project is a wise use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide private investment and job creation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Tuskegee, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 830687, Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

Description of Request: "Tuskegee Industrial Park development" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to complete phase one of the development of the Tuskegee Industrial Park. It will encourage economic development in one of the most economically depressed counties in the state and in the black belt region.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: HUD, EDI account, \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Randolph County Industrial Development Council, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 566, Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Description of Request: "Industrial Park South infrastructure improvements" Taxpayer justification—It is my understanding that the funding will be used to develop Industrial Park South's infrastructure. Economic development and job creation is becoming more and more important to all taxpayers as the economic condition in the country continues to deteriorate. Efforts such as this one being proposed by the Randolph County Industrial Development Council are being initiated all over the country. The need for this park, so that Randolph County can enter the search for industries and jobs, particularly those associated with suppliers to the new KIA plant, is extremely important.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Legal Serv-

ices Corporation (LSC), the single largest provider of civil legal aid for the poor in the nation. Established by Congress in 1974, LSC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes equal access to justice and provides grants for high-quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. The people who come to LSC-funded programs for help are the most vulnerable among us: women seeking protection from abuse, mothers trying to obtain child support, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures that could leave them homeless, disaster victims trying to obtain federal emergency assistance or insurance payments to rebuild their lives. In fact, three out of four clients are women—many of whom are struggling to keep their children safe and their families together.

LSC's work is more important than ever before, partly because of the impact of the current recession. Economic downturns affect the poor disproportionately and add to the pressures on the nation's public health and safety, child welfare, housing and jobs programs. Ensuring that the poor are adequately represented in the civil judicial system greatly improves their chances of keeping or securing basic necessities—the keys to stability and self-sufficiency. It also helps keep communities healthy. For low-income individuals and families, legal services often represent their only means of access to the justice system.

Nearly 51 million people—including 17.6 million children—are eligible for LSC-funded services. LSC-funded programs close nearly one million cases per year nationwide and provide other assistance to more than five million people. The clients served are at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty threshold, an income of about \$27,000 a year for a family of four. An overwhelming demand for civil legal services exists. Based on a 2005 study, 50 percent of eligible potential clients requesting assistance from LSC-funded programs are turned away for lack of adequate program resources. At a time when poor Americans are struggling to keep their jobs, homes, and basic necessities for their families, it is crucial for the federal government to continue to address the civil legal needs of these vulnerable people as a national priority. Fortunately, LSC has broad bipartisan support for a strong federal role in access to equal justice efforts.

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation, I welcome my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the critical role that the Legal Services Corporation plays in helping America live up to its commitment to ensure equal access to justice for all. LSC and its grantees are to be commended for the vital work they do every day on behalf of clients in desperate need of counsel.

CONGRATULATING LITHUANIA ON
1000TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 285, congratulating the people of the Republic of Lithuania on the one-thousandth anniversary of Lithuania and

celebrating the rich history of Lithuania. I congratulate Lithuania on this important anniversary and extend many happy returns to the Lithuanian people. I thank my esteemed colleague, Congressman SHIMKUS, for introducing this important legislation.

As co-chair of the House Baltic Caucus I have worked to advance the strong ties that exist between the United States and Lithuania. I look forward to strengthening diplomatic ties through the promotion of democratic values that support both social and economic justice. The Baltic people have a proud history that shows their dedication to these values as well as the values of liberty and democracy. I am proud that our two nations share such a strong commitment to democracy and diplomacy.

Lithuania's history is long and laudable. In recent years Lithuania has advanced its status as an international citizen. Lithuania declared independence from the former Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. Along with the other Baltic States, Latvia and Estonia, Lithuania became a member of NATO in March of 2004. Just two months later in May 2004 Lithuania joined the European Union with her Baltic counterparts.

On July 12, 2009, Lithuania made history once again by swearing in their first female president, Dalia Grybauskaitė. President Grybauskaitė has reaffirmed Lithuania's commitment to our many shared values. Under her leadership, Lithuania continues to show a clear commitment to uphold equality, freedom of speech and human rights.

She has stated her intention to amend a controversial censorship law scheduled to enter force on March 1, 2010. The law has been criticized by gay rights activists and others for discriminating against homosexuals by prohibiting references to homosexuality in media available to children.

I commend President Grybauskaitė for her commitment to uphold equality and human rights for all people. I congratulate Lithuania on its one-thousandth anniversary and will continue to celebrate Lithuania's rich history. I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE BARTON

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Account: Transportation, Community & Systems Preservation or Surface Transportation Projects

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The City of Ennis

Address of Receiving Entity: P.O. Box 220, Ennis, TX 75120

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding to be used for project design and construction of US HWY 287 from State HWY 34 to 1-45.